

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 591 to 607 of the year 1902.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 591.—CHINA—NORTH COAST.

Wei Hai Wei—Port Regulations.

Information, dated 7th July, 1902, has been received from the Commander-in-Chief, China, that in accordance with the power invested in him by Clause 82 of the Order in Council dated 24th July, 1901, the following regulations have been made respecting the use by mercantile vessels of the Admiralty waters at Wei Hai Wei:—

The Admiralty waters are bounded on the south by a line from Flagstaff Point to Itau Island; on the east by a line from Itau Island to the eastern point of Hu An Lok Rocks; on the north by the south and west coasts of Leu Kung Tau to Kwoa pu (the northern point of Leu Kung Tau) and by a line from thence to a position with Outer Island bearing N. by W., distant one cable; and on the west by a line from a position with Outer Island bearing N. by W., distant one cable, to the east point of Weigell Cove bearing North true, distant one cable, and from thence South (true) until it meets the line drawn from Itau Island towards Flagstaff Point.

1. Mercantile vessels may be permitted to use the aforesaid waters by the Senior Naval Officer present, or by his representative.

2. When so permitted they shall anchor or moor in such positions as may be pointed out to them by the said Senior Naval Officer, or by any officer sent by him to place the vessels in the berths assigned to them; and they shall not move to another berth in the Admiralty waters without similar permission being first obtained.

3. Merchant vessels berthed in Admiralty waters shall comply in all respects with any regulations made for the safety of the vessels in the anchorage, and as to the disposal of ashes and other refuse.

4. The anchorage within the said Admiralty waters set apart for vessels of suitable draught placed in quarantine is the space west of Itau (Sun or Channel) Island and south of the southern limit (N. 75° W.) of the white ray from Flagstaff Point Light, and east of a line drawn south from the Joss House, near East Village on Leu Kung Tau.

Approximate position, lat. 37° 30' N., long. 122° 10' E.

[Variation 3° Westerly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Wei Hai Wei, No. 3025. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, page 554, and Supplement, 1898, page 28.

No. 592.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Busuanga—Shoal Reported North-Westward of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 16th August, 1902, that the Master of the Norwegian steamship "Lena" reports having observed a shoal having apparently two heads with an estimated depth of 5 to 6 fathoms over them, north-westward of Busuanga, the bottom being distinctly visible though apparently no soundings were obtained. They are situated with north-west rock bearing N. 81° E., distant 9½ miles, and Haycock or Malajon Island S. 24° E.

Approximate position, lat. 12° 23½' N., long. 119° 42½' E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Molucca Passage to Manila, No. 943; St. Bernardino and Mindoro Straits, No. 2577. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1890, page 76.

No. 593.—CHILE—CHONOS ARCHIPELAGO.

Quincheles Islands—Rock Southward of

The Chilean Government has given notice, dated 30th June, 1902, of the existence of a rock, which uncovers at low water, situated about 3 cables to the southward of the south-western islet of the Quincheles Group, with Peñon Blanco bearing S. 41° E., distant 3 miles, and El Gorro N. 48° E.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 20½' S., long. 73° 36' W.

[Variation 19° Easterly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Peñas to Guaytecas Islands, No. 1325. Also, South America Pilot, Part II, page 294.

No. 594.—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Port Sebú—Buoys, Colours Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 973 of 1901:—

The United States Government has given notice, dated 16th August, 1902, that the colours of the buoys leading to the anchorage off Sebú have now been painted in accordance with the United States system.

In approaching the channel from seaward, the buoys on the starboard hand are painted red with even numbers on them; buoys on the port hand are painted black with odd numbers on them.

Approximate position, lat. 10° 18' N., long. 123° 54' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Sebú, No. 3193. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1890, page 255; and Supplement, 1898, to that work, page 63.

No. 595.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—MAINE.

Narraguagus Bay Approach, Mackerel Rock—Existence of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 16th August, 1902, of the existence of a danger named Mackerel Rock, of small extent, and with a depth of 19 feet over it at low water, in the entrance to Narraguagus Bay. From it Pond Island Lighthouse bears N. 51° W., distant 11 cables, and Jordans Delight ledge beacon S. 37° W.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 27' N., long. 67° 48½' W.

[Variation 18° Westerly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Machias Seal Island to Gouldsborough Bay, No. 1246. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast, &c., United States, 1899, page 80.

No. 596.—ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Portland Harbour—Prohibited Anchorage.

Information, dated 21st August, 1902, has been received from the King's Harbour Master, Portland, that in consequence of torpedo targets having been moored at distances of 600, 800, 1,000, and 1,500 yards respectively on a S. 20° W. bearing from the Torpedo Pier off Bincleave Rocks, vessels are prohibited from anchoring within the area northward of a line drawn S. 63° E. from the pier extending from Small Mouth Spit when westward of the line of the white obelisks at Portland in line bearing S. 18° W. When practicable a white light will be exhibited at night from each of the above targets.